when they retire there is no such ceremony. And it is the privilege of this House alone, of Rajya Sabha alone, that retirement is really something which we celebrate. Yesterday when I saw that P. N. Sukulji had organised, I felt if this were continued, some of us would be tempted to retire voluntarily; so he should not make it such a tempting and attractive retirement procedure which it is. But, however, I think we should continue the same thing, because, after two years, those of us who are standing here bidding farewell, we will then be at the receiving end of the farewell. I think, therefore, it is a good practice and it must continue.

But there is one thing in political life. Why is the word 'retire' used in political life? Napoleon in his dictionary had no word as 'defeat'. But we do have the word 'defeat' in our dictionary in politics, in political life. But to become 'tired' is not there in our dictionary. So what it means is be retired and then after you are retired, you start again working. That is the challenge that we have.

One other beauty of this House is every two years one-third of the Members retire and fresh blood comes into the House I think it is a very sound practice. I come from a village and there when a farmer buys a new bullock, he puts it with the old bullock. And then he trains it to plough the field. This is very sound commonsense. When new Members come—I am also a new Member because I am in the first round here—they, along with the old veterans here, learn. What I mean to say is that we learn, we imbibe, we absorb and then mature and are perhaps able to contribute.

Sir, a point was raised; I will say, a 'point of order' was raised. I am reminded of a story. I had gone to Moscow. There, about the Finance Minister who had retired there, a story was told. Mr. Gorbachov told that there was a very good Finance Minister and when he retired from office, he was quite old and he would doze and, after dozing, he would wake up and say, "There is no money."! Sir, what may be true of the Finance Minister there may be true of some Members here who, when they wake up, may say, "Point of order, Sir."! But here, Sir, while the debates have gone on, I know that in the lobbies, in the Central Hall and elsewhere, we have shared the problems of the country as citizens, as people who are concerned with the problems of the country as such, and this friendship which we have shared is something that is of the greatest value and that we shall always remember and cherish and, Sir, beyond our life here, beyond our tenure here in Parliament, there is a much larger house, that is, the country and public life. I am sure, Sir, that those who are parting with us in this House will rejoin us in this much larger arena of public life and public service and I am sure many of them will achieve shining heights and most of them, I wish, come again. But wherever one lives or one stays, one leaves an air. Those who have been here are not here. Though they are not here, they have left an atmosphere which we have inherited. Similarly, those friends who are retiring and are leaving also leave with us an atmosphere which we shall imbibe and those who will come will inherit that and there would be our guiding light.

With these words, Sir, I express my best wishes to my friends who are retiring. Thank you, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, papers to be laid on the Table.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. **Report and Accounts (1984-85) of the Food Corporation of India New Delhi and related papers.**

II. **Report and Audited Accounts (1984-85) of the Export Inspection Council and Export Inspection Agencies, New Delhi and related papers.**

III. Report and Accounts (1984-85) of the Overseas Construction Council of India, Bombay and related Papers

IV. Report and Accounts (1984-85) of the Indian Institute of Packagain, Bombay and related Papers

V. Notifications of the Ministry of Commerce

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (RAJYA SABHA) (SHRI SITARAM KESARI): **Sir, on behalf of Shri P. Shiv Shanker,** I beg to lay on the Table—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (2) of section 35 of the Food Corporations Act, 1964:—

(i) Twenty-first Annual Report and Accounts of the Food Corporation of India, New Delhi, for the year 1984-85, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of Corporation.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at I(1) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2239/86 for (1) and (2)].

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the Export Inspection Council and Export Inspection Agencies, New Delhi, for the year 1984-85 (Volumes I and II).

(b) Review by Government on the working of the council and Agencies. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2240/86 for (a) and (b)].

(ii) (a) *Annual Report* and Accounts of the Overseas Construction Council of India, Bombay, for the year 1984-85, together with Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Council.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2307/86 for (a) to (e)].

(iii) (a) Nineteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Packaging, Bombay, for the year 1984-85, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Institute. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2306/86 for (a) and (b)].

III. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Commerce, under sub-section (3) of section 17 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963:—

(a) S.O. No. 781, dated the 1st March, 1986, publishing the Export of Pesticides and their Formulations (Inspection) Amendment Rules, 1986.

(b) S.O. No. 783, dated the 1st March, 1986, publishing the Export of Cashew Kernels (Quality Control and Inspection) Rules, 1986. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2233/86 for (a) and (b)].

Apprenticeship Amendment Rules, 1986

SHRI SITARAM KESARI: Sir, on behalf of Shri P. A. Sangma, I beg to lay on the Table under sub-section (3) of section 37 of the Apprentice Act, 1961, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Labour Notification G.S.R. No. 54, dated the 18th January, 1986, publish-